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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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1. Activities observed at Finow airfield during the period from 5 through 19 September 1952 included:

5 through 8 September. No flying was observed during unfavorable weather.

10 September. Individual MiG-15s or type-29 planes took off between 8:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. Between 6 and 6:30 p.m., individual swept-back jet fighters took off at intervals of about three minutes for flights under the cloud cover, which was at an altitude of about 1,000 meters.

11 September. Individual flights were made between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dives were made from altitudes of about 3,000 meters. The planes, which made four dives in succession, pulled out at an altitude of about 500 meters. At 6 p.m., two jet fighters took off individually.

12 September. There was flying between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Individual flying in groups of two planes in addition to dives were observed.

15 September. At 5 p.m., 17 MiG-15s were counted. Other aircraft were observed at the field. Between 2:30 and 5:30 p.m., MiG-15s, flying in groups of two, approached the installation from the southeast, circled over the field, and then headed west. At 6:30, six MiG-15s and type 29 planes approached from the east and landed at the field. There was night flying after 8 p.m. Individual and formation flying in groups of two planes was observed. Flying continued until after 10 p.m.

1 September. Individual aircraft took off between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The planes subsequently assembled into formations of two and five. At 3:05 p.m., three flights approached from the east and landed at the field. The planes were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. _____
 Between 3:30 and 3:40 p.m., two MiG-15s practiced diving from an altitude of 4,000 to 6,000 meters over the wooded area southeast of the field. The planes pulled out at an altitude of about 600 meters. Flying was discontinued at 6:30 p.m. At 3:45, 39 MiG-15s and type 29 planes were counted at the field.

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17 September. There was flying between 8:15 and 5 p.m. Shortly after 5 p.m., a formation of five planes approaching from the east landed.

18 September. At 5:45 p.m., 27 MiG-15s and type 29 planes in addition to four single-engine, low-wing monoplanes and a twin-engine plane were counted; another estimated 20 MiG-15s were observed.

19 September. There was flying by swept-back jet fighters between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. About 5 p.m., 22 MiG-15s fitted with auxiliary fuel containers arrived in two formations, landing at 5:30 p.m. (1)

2. Security measures at the field were intensified after 6 September. Centries were observed on the Pinow-Miesenthal road at the board fence on both sides of the approach lane; in the southeastern corner of the field, east of the road; and on the road running along the southern boundary of the installation.
3. Splinter-proof revetments consisting of walls 20 to 30 meters long and about 3 meters wide were being built between the road to Miesenthal and the southern boundary of the installation, and in the northeastern corner of the field. (2) A low wooden building, about 6x3x2.5 meters, in the restricted area near the field was guarded by a centry.

6. Between 1:30 and 4 p.m. on 11 September, swept-back jet fighters practiced attacks against ground targets at the field. The planes approached the field individually from the north flying at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, dived over the field and pulled out at altitudes from 500 to 800 meters, subsequently climbing at an angle of about 30 degrees. On the morning of 12 September aircraft were again observed approaching the field from the north.

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7. [redacted] 6 x 37-mm AA guns at the AAA emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field. Ten Soviet soldiers were seen there. [redacted] the crews of the AA guns lived in underground bunkers, because he did not see any tents at the emplacement. (3)

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Comments.

- (1) Air activity observed at the field indicates that training in formation flying has been intensified. It is believed that preparatory training for cooperation with other air units was given. [redacted]
- 25X1 [redacted] two fighter regiments from Finow cooperated with the ground attack
- 25X1 regiment of Doeberitz in the Nauen area on 24 and 25 September 1952.
- (2) It is believed that the construction of splinter-proof revetments for the protection of parked aircraft has been ordered for all airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany. These revetments are built in concrete at airfields occupied by bomber units, but these structures are built in a makeshift way at installations occupied by fighter and ground attack aircraft.
- 25X1 (3) A light AAA battery equipped with 6 x 37-mm guns is believed to be stationed at the field. The tents observed at the northern edge of the installation indicate that another AAA emplacement might be available.
- 25X1 (4) According to available information, two fighter regiments equipped with about 50 MiG-15s are stationed at Finow airfield. [redacted]

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